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REMARKS:

1. Three troop trains were loaded for Ohrdruf (N 51/J 15) in Gera (N 51/K 06) on 29 February. the entrained units were signal units.

A 92-axle train left at 10:55, a 86-axle train at 1:55 p.m. and a 86-axle train at 5:59 p.m. (1)

2. On 29 February, officers in Annaberg (N 51/K 73) whose first names were unknown, included:

Mehnert Kaserne. Colonel Yokovluy, Major Relshankov, Captain Bogdanovskish.

Knabenschule. Ukbaishau, commanding officer ?, Captain Trevosov.

Barracks installation on Leninstrasse. Colonel Yushkareva, allegedly from Kharkov.

About 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets carrying rifles and baggage arrived at the lower railroad station in Annaberg on 5 March. A railroadman said they came from Kostock. They spent the night of 6 March in the gymnasium on Parkstrasse and, on 6 March, moved to the Knabenschule. (2)

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3. A train carrying 46 new three-axle trucks was seen passing through the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad station in the direction of Berlin on 9 March. The escorting personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

4. The Lossa (N 52/J 59) road was blocked near the brickworks northwest of Lossa on 14 March. There was a signboard indicating the road block in German language and a signboard marked: 3-EE 3 A. Several hundred soldiers tented in the woods east of the brick-works. A number of trucks

were seen parking at the brick factory. A train of about 10 trucks loaded with gravel and cement, was seen entering the restricted area. Trucks, and others of the loaded with construction material, were also seen at the

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restricted area.

there had been a large ammunition

dump in the area of the "Finne" which was blasted in 1945.

the dump would be reconstructed. (4)

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5. [redacted] on 14 March, the barracks installation in Meissen-Bohnitzsch (N 52/F 09) was occupied by 1,000 tank troopers. [redacted] the installation quartered between 1,000 and 1,500. A total of 17 tanks of undetermined type was in the garages. Troops were seen drilling and performing technical duties in the barracks installation and practicing firing with live ammunition at the target ranges. Trucks [redacted] were seen at the barracks installation. (5)

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6. On 17 March, 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen servicing motor vehicles and tanks in the Mhdra Kaserne on Heinrich Heinstrasse, Riesa (N 52/E 81). Three T-34/85 tanks, one SU-100 SP gun and motor vehicles [redacted] were seen. No training activity was noticed in the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne on Freitscheidstrasse. Numerous soldiers were seen shopping in the town. A truck with a [redacted] carrying 40 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen entering the installation. [redacted]

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7. Rocket launchers [redacted] were on the loading ramp of the Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) railroad station on 17 March. (7) A train carrying 18 x 57-mm AT guns and 20 trucks [redacted] was sidetracked at the Forst Linna freight station. (8) On 16 March, the Beseler Kaserne in Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Six officers and 200 EM were seen training with six 57-mm AT guns. Truck [redacted] and ambulance [redacted] were seen at the installation. On 17 March, 6 T-34 tanks, 1 tank chassis and trucks [redacted] carrying ammunition boxes were seen being loaded. Ten officers and 200 EM from the Beseler Kaserne left for Jueterbog on a regular train. (9)

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Comments.

- (1) These three trains were previously reported [redacted] The motor vehicle [redacted] belong to various units of the 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div. It cannot be determined whether units of this division were actually loaded on these trains [redacted]
- (2) The officers identified [redacted] are not known. They were probably officers from MCB units quartered in the mentioned billets in Annaberg.
- (3) The trucks probably came from the U.S.S.R.
- (4) The command-post exercise of the group which began in the area northwest of Naumburg on 3 March was apparently not completed on 14 March. The trucks parking at the brick factory belong to the 21st Gds Mecz Div, the trucks seen at the restricted area, to the 6th Arty Div, to the 207th Itz Rifle Div and to air force units. An ammunition dump in the area of the "Finne" is reported for the first time.
- (5) As only the 95th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div is believed to be stationed in Meissen-Bohnitzsch, the information concerning the occupation of this barracks installation seems to be credible. [redacted]

observed belong to this division.

Most of the vehicles

[redacted] on 6 March, [redacted] the Mhdra Kaserne was occupied by 300 to 350 men and the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne by about 450 men. At that time, it was believed that elements of the regiments of the 9th Tank Div, which were carried in the two installations, had left for practice training. [redacted] in the present report [redacted] the two installations were occupied by even fewer troops on 17 March. It cannot be

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determined whether [] components of the units 50X1-HUM of the 9th Tank Div, which are stationed there, were at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds for firing practice during the first half of March.

- (7) [] the rocket launchers belong to 50X1-HUM the unidentified RL regiment of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Leipzig-Schoenau.
- (8) The train carried components of the unidentified AT artillery regiment of the 11th (?) Gds AT Arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from Doeberitz. The unit was presumably entrained in Doeberitz on 16 March. []
- The presence of 48-AT guns does not appear credible, however. 50X1-HUM
- (9) The 52d Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div is carried in the Baseler Kaserne in Wittenberg. [] The occupation observed on 16 March agrees with the estimate [] in mid-January. [] The tanks, officers and EM loaded on 17 March probably went to the Werder-Markendorf training grounds near Jueterbog for firing practices.

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